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- 1 • displaying at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user  
2 interface, the at least one user identifier prompt including at least one  
3 selectable user area operatively associated with a previously configured  
4 user capable of completing a login operation by inputting user password  
5 input;
- 6 • upon receiving user input selecting the at least one selectable user area,  
7 displaying at least one user input field on the display within the  
8 graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field is  
9 automatically configured to operatively receive user password input  
10 associated with the login operation;
- 11 • determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive the user  
12 password input for the login operation while conditions allow for the  
13 reception of the user input; and
- 14 • automatically *displaying reminder information associated with the*  
15 *user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical*  
16 *user interface* based on the failure to operatively receive the user  
17 password input.

18 **Claim 17** recites an arrangement comprising:

- 19 • memory;
- 20 • a display device;
- 21 • a user input device; and
- 22 • a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the display device and  
23 the user input device, the processor being configured to:
  - 24 ○ display at least one user identifier prompt within a graphical user  
25 interface on the display device, the at least one user identifier  
prompt including at least one selectable user area operatively  
associated with a previously configured user capable of  
completing a login operation by inputting user password input;
  - receive user input selecting the at least one selectable user area,  
and in response display at least one user input field within the  
graphical user interface, wherein the at least one user input field  
is automatically configured to operatively receive user password  
input associated with the login operation;
  - determine if there has been a failure to operatively receive the  
user password input for the login operation while conditions  
allow for the reception of the user input; and

- 1           ○ automatically *display reminder information associated with the*  
2           *user input field through a non-modal mechanism within the*  
3           *graphical user interface* based on the failure to operatively  
4           receive the user password input.

5       None of the submitted references, alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest  
6       display of “reminder information associated with the user input field through a  
7       non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface” as recited in Claims 1,  
8       9 and 17.

9           The Office asserts Moy at column 6, lines 21-25 for disclosure of the above  
10          limitation, which is excerpted as follows:

11               Means, responsive to said user failing to provide said  
12               password, for retrieving a first of said succession of hints  
13               from said hint storing means; and means for transmitting said  
14               retrieved first hint to a display device for display to said user.  
15               *Moy, Col. 6, Lines 21-25.*

16       Moy, in neither the above excerpted portion nor elsewhere in the reference,  
17       disclose, teach or suggest a non-modal mechanism.

18           In the Office Action Dated September 10, 2002, the Office asserted the  
19          following:

20               Moy discloses automatically displaying reminder information  
21               associated with the user input filed within the graphical user  
22               interface (fig. 4), **but he does not disclose that being done**  
23               **through a non-modal mechanism.** *Office Action Dated*  
24               *September 10, 2002, Page 5 (emphasis added).*

25       Therefore the Office has previously acknowledged that Moy does not disclose, teach  
or suggest a non-modal mechanism. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Claims 1,  
9 and 17 are allowable and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**Claim 5** depends directly from Claim 1, **Claim 13** depends directly from  
Claim 9, and **Claim 21** depends directly from Claim 17. Therefore, each of these


1 dependent claims is allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These  
2 claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with  
3 those recited in respective Claims 1, 9 and 17 are neither shown nor suggested in  
4 the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another.

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6 **Conclusion**

7 Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 are in condition for allowance. Applicant  
8 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject  
9 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the  
10 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent  
11 Action.

12 Respectfully Submitted,

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